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SUMMARY: POLICH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER STEFAN

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OLSZEWSKI WINDS UP A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS

ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20. THERE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS REACHED BEYOND A SMALL INCREASE IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES. MAJOR OBJECTIVE WAS TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE AGAIN THAT WHATEVER ELSE MAY BE ACTING TO RESTRAIN DETENTE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, THE FRANCO-POLISH RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES TO FLOURISH. END SUMMARY.

1. POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZEWSKI WAS RECEIVED ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT FOR THREE DAYS, FEBRUARY 18-20. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES, BUT HE WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC. HE ALSO ADDRESSED THE DIPLOMATIC PRESS ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 19.

2. POLISH EMBASSY GAVE LARGE RECEPTION FOR OLSZEWSKI FEBRUARY 19. GOF DEMONSTRATED IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO FRANCO-POLISH RELATIONSHIP BY TURNING OUT LARGE NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS LED BY SAUVAGNARGUES. DURING RECEPTION, WE TALKED TO SEVERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, POLISH EMBASSY COLLEAGUES AND DIPLOMATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ALL AGREED THAT THE VISIT WAS DESIGNED ESSENTIALLY FOR GOODWILL PURPOSES, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ACCORDS REACHED DURING THE TALKS BEYOND AN AGREEMENT TO AUGMENT THE NUMBER OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND THE SIGNA-

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TURE OF A NEW CONSULAR CONVENTION. MAJOR NEW AGREEMENTS
ARE APPARENTLY BEING SAVED FOR THE POLISH PRIME MINIS-
TER'S VISIT NEXT APRIL.

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3. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, BOTH SAUVAGNARGUES AND
OLSZEWSKI STRESSED THE THEME THAT DETENTE CAN BE MADE TO
WORK IF ONLY THERE IS A WILL TO DO SO. IMPLICIT IN ALL
STATEMENTS WAS THE IDEA THAT FRANCE AND POLAND CAN SET
THE EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE EAST-WEST
SPECTRUM. DURING THE DIPLOMATIC PRESS LUNCHEON ON
FEBRUARY 19, OLSZEWSKI SAID THE FOLLOWING ON THIS SUB-
JECT: "WHEN THERE ARE COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL
SYSTEMS, THERE IS NECESSARILY IDEOLOGICAL COMPETITION.
WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THE TONE OF THAT COMPETITION. ON
THE ONE HAND YOU CAN HAVE COMPETITION IN AN ATMOSPHERE
OF COOPERATION. ON THE OTHER HAND YOU CAN HAVE RECIPRO-
CAL AGGRESSIVENESS AND ANIMOSITY. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CER-
TAIN THAT IN AN OPTIC OF COEXISTENCE, THE BEST CHOICE IS
THE ONE OF COMPETITION IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION.
FRANCO-POLISH RELATIONS ARE DEMONSTRATING NUMEROUS EXAM-
PLES OF THIS." COMMENT: WE WILL DEFER TO EMBASSY WAR-
SAW'S JUDGMENT ON THIS, BUT FROM HERE IT LOOKS AS IF
OLSZEWSKI WAS TRYING TO CARVE OUT A MIDDLE POSITION
BETWEEN GISCARD AND BREZHNEV, WHO CLASHED ON THE ISSUE

OF IDEOLOGICAL DETENTE DURING THE FORMER'S VISIT TO
MOSCOW.

4. WE WILL SEEK MORE DETAILS ON THE BILATERAL TALKS
FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACTS IN THE COMING WEEK.
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